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APPALLING CRIME NEAR MANNINGTON

**Robert Floyd's Residence Blown Up
by Dynamite and Mr. Floyd and
His Wife Received Fatal
Injuries.**

**Desperadoes Placed Explosive Under Their Bed-
room and Fired it.—Blood Hounds Sent for.
—Great Excitement Reigns Among the
Throngs Who Have Gathered Upon
the Scene.**

One of the most blood-curdling crimes ever committed in the history of West Virginia was done near Mannington Tuesday night.

The fine residence of Robert Floyd one mile and a half from that city was badly wrecked by an explosion of dynamite and Mr. Floyd was killed and his wife fatally injured.

About 9 o'clock that community was alarmed by the report of a terrific explosion. Upon investigation it was found that the Floyd residence was the scene of the explosion. An appalling sight met the eyes of the neighbors as they entered the house. Floyd's dead body was on the floor some distance from his bed which was completely blown to pieces. Mrs. Floyd was lying on the floor suffering intense agony and pain.

The floor of the bed-room was all torn up and it was found that dynamite had been placed directly under that room. Pieces of the explosive were found in and around the house.

The horrible occurrence aroused the entire neighborhood and excitement is at the highest pitch. As soon as the horrible crime was discovered the officers at Mannington were notified and a vigil and search were immediately instituted with a view to capturing the desperadoes. The sheriff at Fairmont was also communicated with over the telephone. Blood hounds were wired for from Moundsville, Weston and Kentucky.

The entire community is aroused over the affair and crowds of people are flocking to the scene from all over the county. Indignation has reached such a high stage that the lives of those who did this awful deed will be in jeopardy, if they are apprehended. Lynching is talked of freely among even the better element of the county.

The object of the desperadoes is not apparent as there appears to have been no attempt at burglary, everything in the house being left undisturbed.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd were the only occupants of the house. They had a hired girl but she was not at home.

Mr. Floyd was the owner of the Floyd hotel, one of the leading hostleries in the city, and was a man of affluence. He was not known to have an enemy who would resort to such an awful deed.

Mr. Floyd was 73 years of age. He was quite well-to-do and was believed to keep considerable money in the house. It is probably prompted the deed.

Mrs. Floyd had one arm broken in two places and was otherwise injured. Her recovery is very doubtful.

The first to hear the explosion was a preacher and boy returning from religious services and were the first on the scene.

The country is being scoured by a deputy sheriff and a posse of citizens.

Charles H. Turner, Jr., leaves tonight for Parkersburg to spend the holidays at his old home.

AGED LADY

**Over-Exerts Herself and Suffers
From Heart Trouble.**

Mrs. Payne, an aged lady, came here this morning from Flemington to do some Christmas shopping. After making her purchases she walked to the depot instead of taking a street car to catch the accommodation train for her home. In doing so she walked rapidly, fearing that she might miss the train. The exertion was too much for her and when she arrived at the depot she had a severe attack of heart trouble, and it was not thought she could survive. Her son, Homer Payne, who works at the freight office here, was summoned to her side. He, with the assistances of others, put his mother on the train and accompanied her home. She was suffering very much when the train departed.

ADAMSTON WEDDING

**Preacher's Son Will Claim Miss
Sullivan as a Bride.**

Mr. Garland D. Shanabarger, son of Rev. S. A. Shanabarger, pastor of the U. B. church, and Miss Dora Sullivan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Sullivan, of Adamston, will be married at the home of the bride-elect at 5:30 o'clock tomorrow evening, Rev. H. R. Hess, of Grafton, presiding elder of that denomination, will officiate.

FOOT BALL

Being Arranged for Christmas Afternoon Here.

Arrangements are being made for a game of foot ball here Christmas. The following line-ups have been secured.

ALL COLLEGE.	ALL STARS.
Cunningham, c.	Limer.
Coffield, g.	Stealey.
Bradford, g.	Orr.
Cook, l.	Styre.
Jack Gill, l.	Powell.
Swartz, c.	Byrd.
McDonnell, c.	Ash.
Landenstein, q.	Mulheran.
Alexander, st.	F. Gill.
Landenstein, st.	Blake.
L. Garr, f.	Jackson.

The above named players and all other players interested in foot-ball will please meet at Ray McDonnell's home, Pike street, at 8 o'clock to-night. The purpose is to arrange a game for Christmas day at the Fair Grounds. All players must look to getting their own uniforms.

Claude Fittro, one of the county's bright young school teachers, is here from Wilsonburg today.

BRILLIANT

**Was Prof. J. B. DeMotte's Lecture
at Opera House.**

**Another Number of the Y. M. C. A.
Star Course of Entertainments.**

Prof. John B. DeMotte, the distinguished lecturer, delivered his famous lecture, "The Harp of the Senses," Tuesday night, at the Traders Opera house, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association Star Course.

A large audience was present to hear him. His lecture was one of the finest along its line that has ever been heard in this city. His scientific explanations were of facts and not of his own theories, and he revealed to his intelligent audience some of the facts of the physiological condition of our body. To assist him in his explanation of scientific facts, a large calcium stereopticon was used.

In "The Harp of the Senses," he told of the different human senses and explained their high functions. He also spoke upon the conditions of society, and advanced some very good arguments upon the bringing up of boys and girls.

Prof. DeMotte is a brilliant orator. His elocution was exceptionally fine. The subject he spoke upon is considered one of the best of his many lectures. He was better enabled to present his lecture by reason of the intelligent audience which had assembled to hear him.

KNISELEY

**Gives Bond of \$4,000 and is Out
of Jail.**

Ernest Kniseley, who inflicted some wounds upon John Wheeler at Johnstown which caused his death, was released from jail last night on bond of \$4,000. It was given before circuit clerk Tetrick by order of Judge Mason. His sureties are Mrs. Lucinda Kniseley and Mrs. Mary Doud.

TEST WELL

**On Lough Farm Is a 25-Barrel
Producer.**

In the Grass Run development, this county, Treat & Crawford's No. 2, on the J. and H. A. Williams farm, is holding up at 300 barrels a day. Under agitation the production was increased to 600 barrels for one day last week.

In the same district Hilton & Company have completed a test on the Lough farm and have a 25-barrel producer in the Gordon sand.

In the eastern edge of Doddridge county, the Carter Oil Company has completed its test on the T. B. Harbert farm and has a gasser.

WEDDING AT BRISTOL

**Well-known and Popular Young
People Join Hands.**

Dr. Walter B. Conaway, of Buckhannon, son of Dr. J. B. Conaway, of Bristol, and brother of Attorney Conaway, of this city, and Miss Stella Va. Holden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Holden, of Bristol, will be married at Christmas noon at the residence of the bride-elect's parents. Rev. Skidmore will officiate. The groom-elect is an excellent young man. He recently graduated at a college of dentistry in Pittsburg. Miss Holden is an accomplished and popular young lady.

DESTROYED

**Was Another House at Adamston
by Fire.**

**This One Belonged to Mrs. Banks,
Also.**

**Fire Originated From Natural Gas
in Grate.**

Another house at Adamston belonging to Mrs. Mary Banks, widow of the late James Banks, was destroyed by fire last night. It was a one-story frame and was occupied by William Lightner and family. Mr. Lightner's family was not at home and he was engaged at his work at the tin plate mills at the time. He left home at noon yesterday.

The gas in the house was burning low and he did not turn it off. The house is supplied with Mountain State gas and it is supposed that when the break in the line on the Stealey farm was repaired the gas came on in full force and burned the house down. The tracks out there were filled with engines and the alarm was given by them. There was so much whistling of engines that the entire neighborhood was soon aroused and all thought from the noise that the whole place was on fire.

The destroyed house was next to the one which burned Sunday morning and belonging to Mrs. Banks. Lightner's household goods, in fact, everything he had, was destroyed. His loss is \$300 or \$400, and Mrs. Banks suffers a loss of \$500.

For quite a while it was thought that Lightner was in the burning building, but he could not be seen. Later it was learned that he was at his work at the tin plate mills.

BABY

**Terribly Burned While Playing
Around Open Grate.**

**Died From Burns Tuesday Morning
and Was Buried Here.**

A three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Saligo, while playing around an open grate fire at its home at Columbus mines Saturday, was so horribly burned that death resulted Tuesday morning.

There was no fender to the open fire place. The little fellow was playing around in front of the fire, and while stooping over to pick up something from the floor, the back of his dress caught afire. Before the mother, who was in the kitchen at the rear of the house, could come to the child, it was terribly burned about the body.

The baby was taken to the Harrison county hospital Sunday. The parents, under the belief that the babe was better, took it back home Monday. It died from the burns Tuesday.

The remains were brought here for burial. The funeral occurred Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, interment in the Holy Cross cemetery.

TOUGHS

**Give B. & O. Passenger Conductors
Much Trouble.**

It seems of late that passenger conductors on the Parkersburg division have had their full share of trouble with toughs. Sunday evening Capt. Ed. Pickens was taking No. 72 from Parkersburg, a gang of toughs got on at Clarksburg en route for Rosemont. All paid their fare except one, who paid for Bridgeport and attempted to go on to Rosemont. When the captain attempted to collect his fare he made all kinds of threats, but the engineer was resolute and after some little difficulty collected the fare.

ITALIANS

**Getting Into Trouble at Pinnicknick
Mines.**

**Constable Mitchell Arrests Three
on Various Charges.**

There seems to be a heap of trouble among the foreigners at Pinnicknick mines. Early Wednesday morning, Constable Mitchell went out to the mines and arrested three Italian miners Anthony Kiss, Carl Mounousic and Carl Roditzky.

Anthony Kiss was arrested on complaint of Julius Segra, who claims that Kiss threatens to kill him or do him bodily harm. Carl Mounousic was arrested for alleged assault on Esther Yulco, an Italian woman. Carl Roditzky, it is claimed, stole three coal augers, belonging to Fred Reece, and he was arrested on that charge.

The constable brought them all to the county jail early this morning and incarcerated them.

At the trial this afternoon Mounousic and Kiss were fined each \$1 and costs. Roditzky's hearing was postponed.

IN SOCIETY

**Whist Club Delightfully Enter-
tained by Mrs. Brown.**

**Euchre Club Has Pleasant Time at
the Misses Freeman's.**

The Wednesday Whist Club was delightfully entertained by Mrs. John Brown Monday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock. There were 4 tables of progressive whist and the score cards were pink and blue. The greatest number of progressions were made by Miss Hart who was the recipient of a very pretty souvenir from the hostess. At the close of the game corners were laid for 16 and a delicious salad supper was served at small tables. The event was quite a pleasant one and owing to the dark, dreary, rainy day without, the house was brilliantly lighted with pink shaded lights and with the Xmas decorations of holly, presented quite a pleasing picture. The honor guests present at the meeting were Mrs. Howell, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Richard Lowndes, Jr., Miss Garrard, Miss Mason, Miss Lillie Koblegard and Mrs. Hal M. Rapp.

Miss Margaret Coplin will entertain the Afternoon Euchre Club Friday of next week, January 2, from 3 to 5 o'clock.

Dr. and Mrs. David Porter Morgan have issued cards for the marriage of their daughter, Gertrude Elizabeth, to Mr. Virgil Lee Highland, which will be solemnized in the First Baptist church, Wednesday, December 31, at half past five o'clock.

A large dancing reception will be given by the society men Friday evening at the Traders.

The Five Table Card Club will be entertained by Mrs. Mord Lewis on Friday afternoon of this week from 3 to 5 o'clock.

The Misses Freeman entertained very pleasantly the Afternoon Euchre Club Thursday of last week from 3 to 5 o'clock. There were six tables. The first prize was won by Miss Ellen Graham Bassel on a tie with Miss Gertrude Brown. Miss Brown was fortunate enough however to capture the lone hand prize.

Miss Lillie Koblegard will be hostess Night Euchre Club Monday evening of next week from 8 to 11 o'clock.

WHOLESALE BURGLARIES AT BRIDGEPORT

**Several Houses Entered and Much
Booty Secured by Two Desperate
Unknown Fellows, Supposed to
be Part of Jesse James Show.**

**Chloroform Supposed to Have Been Administered
to Victims, as They Slept Late and Were Sick
Many Hours Afterward.**

CHRISTMAS AT CHURCHES

**Some Interesting and Appropriate
Exercises Arranged.**

Christmas will be observed by several of the churches this year. The services will be held in the morning and special music has been arranged for the occasion. The different Sunday Schools will hold their Christmas Eve entertainments on Wednesday evening as is the usual custom. Christmas trees and the presentation of gifts are, of course, the features of the children's services.

GOFF M. E. CHURCH.

A special Christmas prayer and praise meeting will be held at Goff M. E. church Christmas morning. The time of opening the services will be at 7 o'clock, it being deemed most fitting that "Early in the morning on this His glad anniversary day, we should worship our King." The annual Christmas entertainment given by and for the Sunday School will take place Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

CHRIST EPISCOPAL.

Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, Christmas will be observed by the children of the Sunday school of Christ Episcopal church. The children will be presented with Christmas gifts. On Christmas morning, at 10:30 o'clock, special services will be conducted in the church. The vested choir has arranged an appropriate musical program for the occasion.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

The First Presbyterian Sunday School will have its Christmas services on Wednesday evening at half-past seven o'clock. Superintendent W. B. McGregor will conduct the services.

CATHOLIC CHURCH.

At the Church of the Immaculate Conception, two Christmas services will be held. One will be in the early morning at six o'clock, and at half-past ten special Christmas services will be held.

BOOK-KEEPER WILL WED

**Mr. Paul Flanagan and Miss Kester
Will be Married.**

The marriage of Mr. Paul L. Flanagan, of Adamston, assistant book-keeper in the R. T. Lowndes & Company Savings Bank, of this city, and Miss Mary Va. Kester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kester, will take place this evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Miss Kester's parents on East Pike street. The officiating clergymen will be Mr. Flanagan's father, Rev. John W. Flanagan, and Rev. Mr. Williams, pastor of the M. E. Church, South.

Wholesale burglaries were attempted and made at Bridgeport between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock yesterday morning. The citizens of that town are much excited over them and are taking every precaution against more of them.

The first was committed at the home of J. P. Kester at Oral a few miles east of Bridgeport. They entered his residence through a window. They went to his bedroom and while he slept undisturbed they took \$45 in money from his pants pockets, and a watch. Then they quit the house and went their way without Kester's knowing anything about the burglary until he awoke next morning.

The burglars then came on to Bridgeport and attempted to enter the residence of E. O. Russell but the latter heard a noise and arose. The burglars heard him stirring around and were frightened away.

Next they went to the Central hotel and entered it but got nothing there. A dog scared them away. The residence of E. Benedum was the next place of their operations. They secured \$1.60 in money and a quarter of a bushel of doughnuts. The house was completely ransacked by them and, when they went to the pantry, they were reminded of the fact that Christmas was approaching and they concluded to have an advance feast for that occasion. The doughnuts were ample for that sort of a feast and they were not long in taking advantage of the opportunity.

Having provided themselves so well for Christmas they then proceeded to the home of George Camp but Mrs. Carpenter was up and stirring around the house and they did not get anything there.

Daylight was approaching by this time and they concluded not to carry on their operations much farther, but could not resist the temptation to enter the home of Mr. Montgomery, where they broke open a trunk and stole \$9.50 and a gold watch.

There appears to have been two of them. There is no idea as to who they were, except the theory that they were parties following a show troupe, which presented a play at the K. of P. hall in Bridgeport last night, entitled "Jesse James." The title of the play seems to be very appropriate under the circumstances.

It was strange that none of the parties whose houses were burglarized did not awake while the burglars were there. Most of them slept late after the burglaries, and it is believed that the burglars chloroformed them. In support of this theory, Mrs. Montgomery and children were quite sick all day. Their illness can be accounted for in no other way.

The burglaries were the most alarming that have occurred in the history of that section of the country.

The five-months-old infant child of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Helmick, died Tuesday evening at the home in Glen Elk. The remains will be taken to West Miford for burial in the cemetery there.